

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minute of board meeting of 16 July 2008, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Present: Niel Black, Graeme Charles, Dianne Batterham, Tony O'Shea (Chairman) and David Griffiths (Secretary)

Apology: David Dinning

1. Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting of 16 April 2008 be approved as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

2. Co-operative Education

Graeme Charles reported on the complementary CFV brochure to the Co-operative College brochure, the Co-operative College courses with Murray Goulburn and SEHC and his future visits to CFSA (October 2008) and CFNSW (November 2008) conferences to speak about co-operative education.

It was noted that the CFV brochure would be uploaded to the australia.coop web site.

ACTION: Secretary

Graeme reported that an online course had been developed using funds from the Gardiner Foundation. It was in its final stages of tweaking. Graeme Charles initiated this project and persuaded both MG and Gardiner Foundation to support it. The \$5000 for this has been received from the Foundation.

<http://www.australia.coop/courses/understanding/understanding.htm>

ACTION: Deputy Chairman and Secretary

It was noted that 120 copies of Gary Lewis' book had been received for a postal cost of \$273 to be distributed as we like – including participants in Co-operative Identity Workshops.

ACTION: Deputy Chairman and Secretary

3. australia.coop

David Griffiths reported that it was decided to opt for Hostmonster in the USA. Hostmonster hosting charges were about one third of the charge of MD Web Hosting.

He said that he would provide web site statistics for the next board meeting.

ACTION: Secretary

4. Membership Survey

The Secretary reported that he had not undertaken the necessary redrafting.

ACTION: Secretary

5. Membership Subscriptions

It was noted that Westgate had paid its annual subscription, that Demo Dairy and Co-operative Energy had not and that NETC had underpaid and owed CFV \$15.

ACTION: Graeme Charles and N. Black

6. Financial Statements

A Statement of receipts and Payments for the period 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008 was tabled by Graeme Charles – noting that balance as per Bendigo Bank Statement 30 June 2008 was \$11,168.

ACTION: Deputy Chairman

7. Audit

It was agreed that an issue that Tony O'Shea would raise at his meeting with the Acting Director of Consumer Affairs on the 23 July 2008 would be to apply for an exemption for CFV on an audit this year.

ACTION: Chairman

8. CCA

The report from Graeme Charles on the last CCA meeting on the 20 May 2008 was noted.

It was noted that CFV would assume the Chairing and Secretarial roles for the CCA for the next two years from 01 August 2008.

ACTION: Chairman and Secretary

Tony O'Shea reported that the New Zealand Co-operatives Association Executive Director had expressed interest in participating in CCA meetings.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea

9. Co-operatives and Dairy Farmers

It was noted that the follow-up letter had been written and published in the Weekly times, that the advice of the independent expert had been obtained, that the UDV conference had addressed the role of co-operatives and an article had been published in Australian Dairy Foods: Graeme Charles, Back to the future – when the last dairy co-operative is gone, Australian Dairy Foods, June/July 2008, Volume 29 Number 3, pp 24-25

N.Black reported on the UDV conference. He said that a motion about co-ops as the preferred model was voted down in favor of an amendment that the dairy farmer group instead develop an education campaign identifying the effects of co-ops as dairy processors.

ACTION: N. Black

It was agreed that a submission should be made to the ACCC on the proposed takeover of Dairy Farmers in favor of a co-operative takeover.

ACTION: Chairman

It was also agreed to attempt to organise a meeting with the dairy correspondent of the Weekly Times with the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and N.B. on Wednesday 23 July 2008.

ACTION: N.B., Chairman and Deputy Chairman

10. AGM

It was noted that the AGM was scheduled for 19 November 2008. It was noted that there was a need to establish which directors were due to retire this year.

ACTION: Secretary

11. Acting Director CAV Meeting

It was noted that the Chairman was meeting with the Acting Director of CAV on 23 July 2008. It was agreed that the Deputy Chairman would also attend.

ACTION: Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Next Meeting: 10:30 am, 15 October 2008, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Prepared by David Griffiths: 19 July 2008
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2008 Schedule of Board and AGM meetings

Board

Start time: 10:30am

Venue: Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

15 October 2008

19 November 2008

AGM

11:30 am 19 November 2008